State of California Department of Parks and Recreation

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Department of Parks and Recreation

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PROJECT TITLE: Vault Restrooms

LOCATION: Ocotillo Wells SVRA

CITY: Borrego Springs

COUNTY: San Diego and Imperial Counties

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT: This project will provide for the installation of five new pre-fabricated double-vault restroom buildings by CXT Inc. In addition, two existing single-vault CXT pre-fabricated restroom buildings will be relocated from their original sites and transported and installed at two new locations in the park. These two existing vault restrooms are being relocated because; 1) a new combination building will be built in their location in FY 12/13, 2) they are needed at higher use-locations, and 3) one of the two new locations (Pumpkin Patch) is not large enough to accommodate a double-vault restroom and relocating an existing single-vault restroom is the least costly option and most viable option at this location. The project will benefit park visitors by providing additional restrooms facilities in areas of high use as well as keeping these areas sanitary.

Each of the five new and two existing vault restrooms will have a new, concrete, accessible parking stall constructed adjacent to the buildings. The new restrooms will be consistent with the design and appearance of the existing vault restrooms throughout the park and will blend as best as possible with the natural terrain. This project will not require any utility connections.

The locations of the five new double-vault restrooms are as follows:

- 1) County Line Road (approx. 1.2 miles north of Hwy. 78)
- 2) Shell Reef (approx. 200 yards south of the main riding area)
- 3) North Hidden Valley (in the valley just north of Hidden Valley Camp)
- 4) Pole Line Road and Gas Domes Trail (at southwest intersection)
- 5) Cross Over Trail (on north-west side of proposed TDS 4x4 Training Area between Holly Road and Cross Over Trail)

The locations of the two relocated double-vault restrooms are as follows:

- 1) Moved FROM Hidden Valley Camp TO Devil's Slide
- 2) Moved FROM Hidden Valley Camp TO Pumpkin Patch

The extent of the excavation for each double-vault restroom will be approximately 15-feet long x 13-feet wide x 6-feet deep.

The extent of the excavation for each single-vault restroom will be approximately 15-feet long x 7-feet wide x 6-feet deep.

In all cases the excavated soils will be used on-site to backfill around the vaults as well as bring soil level up to grade with finished floor elevation of the vault restrooms.

The extent of excavation for each concrete, accessible parking stall will be approximately 20-feet long x 18-feet wide x 12-inches deep. An accessible concrete pad will be located along the front of each restroom connecting the entrance with the parking stalls. The extent of excavation for each of theses pads will be approximately 14-feet long x 6-feet wide x 12-inches deep.

Environmental resource monitors will be present during construction to ensure avoidance of native vegetation and other resources.

PUBLIC AGENCY APPROVING THE PROJECT: Department of Parks and Recreation

NAME OF DIVISION OR DISTRICT CARRYING OUT THE PROJECT: Ocotillo Wells District.

EXEMPT STATUS: Categorical Exemption

Class: 3

Section: 15303

REASONS WHY PROJECT IS EXEMPT: New construction of limited small new facilities.

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